Michael W. Polito

March 22. 1979

Spill - Inmont Corporation

Richard Baker, Chief Permits Administration Branch

Attached is a copy of the letter from Inmont Chemical describing the spill at their facility on March 14, 1979 about which I previously reported.

Attachment

cc: Fred Rubel

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March 14, 1979

Mr. M. Patp
N.J. State Dept. Environmental Protection
1259 Route 46 (Air Pollution Control)
Parsippany, New Jersey 07054

Dear Mr. Patp:

Re: Spill

This is to confirm our phone conversation on spill which occurred on Tuesday, 3/14/79.

One of our production operators observed that the brook discharge was contaminated with a red colorant at 10:30 A.M. on 3/14/79, of which plant management was informed. J. Coscia, Production Manager, and myself went to the brook immediately where a few of our mechanics were installing the boon over the brook. All necessary immediate actions were taken and secured so that the color does not enter the Passaic River.

Mr. J. Coscia went to investigate the possible cause of the color in the brook, while I rushed back to the office to call the E.P.A. and report the spill. At the same time, Mr. A. Schneid, Quality Control Manager, had a sample taken from the brook to evaluate the content.

At 11:05 A.M. you were contacted by myself about the spill. All details were given that were available.

At 11:45 Mr. L. Muzyka called us to ask about the spill, the same informations were given.

At 12:05 P.M. Mr. M. Polito called us about the spill, information given as stated above.

After all data was obtained from plant people the following statement describes what took place:

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Friday evening, March 9, 1979, during the second shift a mineral oil ink transfer line was being drained when filter unit blew causing a spill of ink on the floor area. The operator was very careful in cleaning the spilled ink.

Color, however, did get into the brook and we believe that 5 gallons of the solvent ink mixture (91% mineral oil - Sun oil and 9% Red Lake C - Color Index Red 53 No. 15585:1 CAS Registry Number - NIOSH No. 5160-02-1, solvent Xylene - CAS Registry No. 1330-20-7) got into one of the floor drains which was cracked.

After everything was secured and isolated, we proceeded with cleanup of the brook. Also, the drain is capped and line cleaned out.

Today, 3/14/79, Mr. A. Arcenal, Mr. L. Muzyka, Mr. M. Tomaro and Mr. J. McLaughlin visited the plant in regards to the spill.

We took all necessary steps to stop the spill going to the Passaic River and clean the brook as rapidly as possible.

Sincerely,

INMONT CORPORATION

P. B. Markovic

Manager, Engr. & Maint.

PBM/eb

cc: Mr. R. G. Gasson

Mr. A. Arcenal

Mr. J. McLaughlin

Mr. L. Muzyka

Mr. M. Polito /

Mr. M. Tomaro

RIN 7550-151 0. FOR CONTROL USE ONLY U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY OIL AND SPECIAL MATERIALS CONTROL DIVISION INSPECTION/ENFORCEMENT REPORT (Form E) SPCC NUMBER 2. DATE OF INSPECTION If the SPCC number is not entered, 03 complete the Facility Identification Form. 3. HAS AN INSPECTION/ENFORCEMENT REPORT BEEN PREVIOUSLY COMPLETED FOR THE DATE OF INSPECTION (above)? **□**YES □ NO (If answer is "Yes" - complete No. 5, if applicable, then skip to No. 12.) COMPLETE ALL APPLICABLE SECTIONS BELOW 4. a. INSPECTOR'S LAST NAME b. INSPECTOR'S ORGANIZATION 5. SPILL I.D. (if inspection result of spill) 6. ESTIMATED NUMBER MAN-HOURS INVOLVED IN INSPECTION (whole hours) 7. IS FACILITY SUBJECT TO PART 112? ☐ YES ☐ NO (If answer is "No" - complete No. 8 then stop) COMPLETE ALL APPLICABLE SECTIONS BELOW 8. PURPOSE OF INSPECTION A | PLAN PREPARATION ONLY **B** PLAN PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION 9. B | NO VIOLATION FOUND A | PREVIOUS VIOLATION CORRECTED (If 9A or B is checked - STOP HERE.) 10. VIOLATION CODE/REFERRAL (If 10 is checked - 11. is required.) Violation Code (check as many as three): Failure to prepare any SPCC Plan \Box Failure to prepare an SPCC Plan in accordance with 112.7 В Failure to have SPCC Plan certified as required by 112.3(d) C Failure to implement SPCC Plan Failure to submit information after triggering spill as required by 112.4(a) D Failure to amend plan as required by 112.4(d) F Failure to implement amendment as required by 112.4(e) Failure to amend, certify or implement after facility change as required by 112.5(a) Failure to review, amend, certify or implement as required by 112.5(b)

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